IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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 (Currently Amended) A pallet according to claim [[1]] 13, wherein said channels and said connectors are all substantially rectangular in cross section.
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- 8. (Canceled)
- 9. (Canceled)
- 10. (Canceled)
- 11. (Canceled)
- 12. (Canceled)
- 13. (Currently Amended) A pallet, comprising:

a plurality of sections, each section being formed of a single molded polymeric piece having upper, lower and side surfaces;

channels formed through at least one of the side surfaces of each section and extending into the section;

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a plurality of integral supporting legs extending downwardly from the lower surfaces;

the upper surfaces being formed by a lattice structure of integrally molded intersecting members having an inverted U-shaped cross-section, said channels being formed in said intersecting members; and

a plurality of elongated connectors dimensioned to fit closely in said channels of [[a]] said first one of said sections, each of the connectors extending between a selected one of said channels channel of said first one of said sections and a selected one of said channels channel of said second section.

- 14. (Original) A pallet according to claim 13, wherein said first and second sections are substantially identical to each other.
- 15. (Original) A pallet according to claim 13, wherein said sections and said connectors are secured together by means of mechanical fasteners.
- 16. (Original) A pallet according to claim 13, wherein a plurality of spaced apertures are provided through each of said channels and substantially similarly spaced apertures are provided through each of said connectors whereby the dimensions of the said pallet are adjustable.
- 17. (Currently Amended) A plurality of <u>identically dimensioned</u> pallets, each comprising:

a body formed of a grid having upper, lower and side surfaces;

a plurality of legs extending from said lower surfaces arranged in a staggered pattern,

a plurality of openings through said grid arranged in a staggered pattern complementary to the pattern of said legs and sized to receive said legs, such that selected first and second ones two of said pallets can be placed in inverted orientation with the legs of each pallet facing the other pallet and the two pallets will nest together with each leg of each of said pallets being received in an opening through the other one of said pallets, whereby the thickness of the nested pair of pallets between the upper surface of said first pallet and the inverted upper surface of said second pallet is no thicker greater than that the distance between the upper surface and ends of said legs of a single selected one of the said pallets.

- 18. (Original) A pallet according to claim 6, wherein said channels are provided with internal ribs, at least one of said ribs being positioned to limit the distance of insertion of a connector into said channel.
- 19. (Original) A pallet according to claim 6, wherein said connectors are provided with at least one area having an indented cross section and a channel adapted to receive said connector is provided with a rib extending a limited distance from an upper internal surface of said channel, said rib being adapted to engage said area of indented cross section.